

Sensors Directorate honors best and brightest

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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — Air Force Research Laboratory's Sensors Directorate 45th annual awards ceremony was held in September at the Air Force Institute of Technology.

Sensors Director Dr. Donald Hanson presented the Columbia Investigation Support Team of Brian M. Kent, Dan Turner, William Brandewie, William Forster, Christopher Clark, Frank Fails and Travis Mensen with the Director's Award. While the work they performed did not contribute directly to the SN mission, it made a significant contribution to the investigation of the Columbia tragedy, directly impacting the Columbia Accident Investigation Team.

Patron of the Year Award was presented to the team of Maj. Kenneth Warcholik, Capt. Robert Dietrick and 1st. Lt. Stephanie Bean from Aeronautical Systems Center, who provided support for the Spectral Infrared Remote Imaging Transition Testbed ATD.

This year's Dr. Samuel Burka Memorial Award for outstanding technical achievement in the area of sensor technology was TIMEX Team of Pete Howe, Capt. Richard Beckman and Steve Poling of the Radio Frequency Sensor Technology Division for their work in dynamic two-way time transfer.

The Dr. Charles E. Ryan Memorial Award for outstanding in-house scientific efforts and achievement in the area of sensor technology was presented to Scott Harris from the Electro-Optical Sensor Technology Division. Harris pioneered work in development of high power liquid crystal optical phased array.

Additional awards were presented to the following:

Brian M. Hendrickson Memorial Award for outstanding achievement in exploratory or advanced technology demonstration programs - Electromagnetics Technology Division team of Boris Tomasic and John Turtle; and the Radio Frequency Technology Division team of William Baldygo, Todd Cushman and Mark Novak.

Peter R. Murray Memorial Award - Joseph Koesters of the Electro-Optical Sensor Technology Division for best overall management achievement in support of the Sensors Directorate mission.

Rapid Progress award - Robert Gill of the Electro-Optical Sensor Technology Division.

Team of the Year Award - Richard Webster, James Reid, Michelle Champion, Boris Tomasic, Richard Strawser, Rebecca Cortez, Kevin Leedy, and retired Lt. Col. William Cowan for the successful Demonstration of a Thin, Lightweight Antenna Subarray. This was a joint effort of the Aerospace Components and Subsystems and Electromagnetics Technology Divisions.

Sustained Professional Society Service - Paul McManamon and James Tsui.

Sustained Community Service - John Ostgaard.

Contracting Person of the Year - Cynthia Stockelman-Anderson.

Financial Person of the Year - Linda Nilson.

Secretary of the Year - Becky Minor Thompson, Radio Frequency Technology Division.

Technician of the Year - Edward Martin, Electromagnetics Technology Division.

Program Manager of the Year - John Carr, Electro-Optical Sensor Technology Division was honored for the MEDUSA program.

Noncommissioned Officer of the Year - Master Sgt. David Coates, Electro-Optical Sensor Technology Division for his efforts on the development of the Ke-Co Switch.

Company Grade Officer of the Year was presented to Capt. Richard Beckman, Radio Frequency Technology Division.

The Military Research and Development Award of the Year - Capt. John Fenwick of Hanscom Air Force Base. The award recognizes outstanding achievements in Exploratory or Advanced Technology Development made by a commissioned officer.

The Chief Scientist's Award - Braham Himed, Radio Frequency Technology Division, Rome Research Site. The award recognizes outstanding in-house achievements in Exploratory or Advanced Technology Development and was presented to

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Transition Award of the Year - Advanced Tactical Targeting Technology Team of Neeraj Pujara, Kip Turner, Aaron Linn and John Barnoski, Sensor Applications and Demonstration Division. The award recognizes the most significant and timely transition of a discrete high-payoff technology effort, process, or system/subsystem to a customer and was presented to the

External Customer Support Award of the Year - Ralph Kohler, Rome Research Site, for outstanding support to external customers that help achieve both the Sensors Directorate mission and the customer's mission.

Best Patent of the Year Award - David Lin and Jim Tsui, Radio Frequency Technology Division.

Transfer Award of the Year - Bill Taylor and Joseph Koesters, Electro-Optical Sensor Technology Division, for the most significant and timely technical knowledge exchange and/or application of a discrete high-payoff technology effort, process, or system/subsystem with a cooperative participant, for their work on the MANPADS threat to Commercial Airline Safety Red Team.

The Raymond C. Rang Award - Ronald Bobb, Integrations and Operations Division, for recognition of exceptional performance and commitment as Deputy Program Element Monitor and Senior Business Manager.

Leadership Award - Sidney Johnson, Sensor Applications and Demonstrations Division,

Administrative Person of the Year Award - Beverley Thompson and Sharon Rolchigo, Integrations and Operations Division.

Veiled Award - Christopher Bozada, Aerospace Components and Subsystems Technology Division; Signature Technology Office, Mark Carteaux, Robert Clemens, Douglas Essman, Richard Hilderbrandt, Thomas Holcombe, Wayne Johnson, Michael Kearns and Brian Kent; Edward Jones, Radio Frequency Technology Division. The award is given to scientists and engineers for their exceptional work on special (or classified) projects that contribute to national security. @